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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

1. A new construction bureau is starting work in Spindlersfeld in a building formerly occupied by the Spindler laundry. The office is primarily supposed to plan production methods and to design tools for the metal industry. About 200 engineers and technicians are reported to be employed, but technical help is difficult to find.
2. There is a shortage of fine sheet metal in the DDR affecting production adversely. Meiss-Optik VEB, Jena, specifically has complained about the lack of such metal.
3. There is a shortage of wood for construction in the DDR causing delays in planned building projects. This shortage is attributed to unusually high reparations deliveries to the Soviet Union.
4. The following orders have so far been placed by the Büro für Wirtschaftsfragen (BfW): Heavy trucks which can also be used as personnel carriers, and a prime mover with caterpillar drive and a 120 horse power engine. The mover is said to carry the short designation K 120.

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